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Welcome to the first edition of the Self-directed Supports News. Here you will find information to help us improve Self-Directed Supports (SDS) and continue to make it a valuable option for individuals and families in Missouri. In the future we will highlight success stories and other valuable information for those of you involved with SDS.

Department of Labor's Application of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) to Domestic Service Workers

The Department of Labor (DOL) revised its 1975 regulations pertaining to the FLSA's companionship services exemption from minimum wage and overtime, and the live-in domestic service worker exemption from overtime. These regulatory revisions, which will become effective on January 1, 2015, have implications for Medicaid home and community-based programs. Changes to this law essentially narrow the companionship exemption previously allowed and will require any employee working over 40 hours per week to be paid at one and a half times their regular rate.

How this affects individuals receiving in-home self-directed services: Because paying time and a half would exhaust your individual budget allocation and exceed the Medicaid maximum reimbursement rate, your Regional Office will no longer be able to approve special exemptions for your employees to work over 40 hours per week. Every employee will have to stay at 40 hours per week or under, no exceptions. The work week begins on Sunday at 12:00 am and ends on Saturday at 11:59 pm.

It is very important that Individuals work with their Support Coordinator and planning team to closely review the back-up plan to ensure you will have adequate supports without employees working over 40 hours per week.



Got Choice Handbook Update

You can print or view online at http://dmh.mo.gov/dd/progs/selfdirect.htm

The Got Choice Handbook was updated on 10/9/2014.

Changes to the handbook include the following:

- ✓ Support Broker Service Page 12
- ✓ Support Broker Assessment Tool Page 13
- ✓ Unable to live with non-family member employees Page 17
- ✓ Support Broker Monthly Summary Page 22
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Support Broker Assessment Tool

TOOL TO ASSESS FOR SUPPORT BROKER

The Support Broker Assessment Tool will assist in determining what supports are needed in order for the Individual/Designated Representative to be successful in self-directing their supports. This tool is available at http://dmh.mo.gov/dd/progs/selfdirect.htm.

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Agency Support Broker Training

TRANSITION TO AGENCY BASED SUPPORT BROKERS

We are making the transition from Independent Support Brokers to Agency Based Support Brokers. The division will no longer provide training for Independent Support Brokers.

Agencies which have Support Brokerage on their contract can choose to train their own employees as long as their Support Broker Training has been approved by the Provider Relations Lead in the region.

A copy of the current approved Support Broker Training verification form can be requested from the Self-Directed Support Coordinator should any agency with Support Broker on their contract wish to develop their own DMH-approved training.

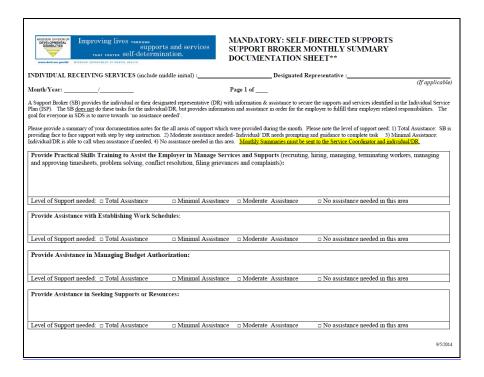
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Modular #	Required Training	DMH-DD Resources	Missouri Consumer Directed Resources	Training Completed by Agency or SDSC Date	
1)	Advocacy, Self- Determination	SB training			
2)	Overview of SDS	SB training			
3)	Person-centered planning	My Choicel: Guide for Creating your Own Individual Support Plan when Self-Directing Supports http://dmh.mo.gov/docs/dd/MyChoice.pdf			
4)	Understanding of Support Broker responsibilities,	SB training Assist in the development of an Emergency Back-up Plan			
5)	Abuse/Neglect Training	http://dmh.mo.gov/dd/calendar.htm			
6)	Understanding of Support Broker responsibilities,	SB training Managing Budget Authorization Got Choice handbook http://dmh.mo.gov/docs/dd/SDSGnude.pdf			
7)	Working with FMS	SB training			
8)	Understanding of Support Broker responsibilities	Consumer Directed Training Series Provide info and assist to Indiv/DR for Recruiting, hiring, managing, terminating workers,			





Mandatory Support Broker Monthly Documentation

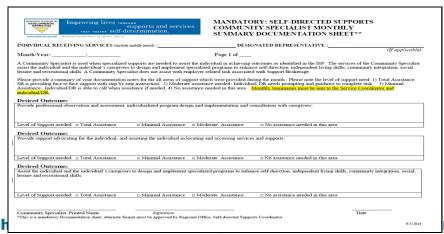
Please be aware that any Individual/Designated Representative who receives Support Broker Services must be notified that the Mandatory Support Broker Monthly Documentation Sheet is available on line at http://dmh.mo.gov/dd/progs/selfdirect.htm under 'Support Broker.' The Support Broker must complete this form monthly and provide the Individual/Designated Rep with a copy for their records. A copy will be maintained by the agency and the Support Coordinator will conduct service monitoring quarterly to ensure the documentation is present at the service site and with the agency.



Mandatory Community Specialist Monthly Documentation

If an Individual/Designated Representative uses the service of a Community Specialist, they must be aware that the Community Specialist 'Mandatory Community Specialist Monthly Documentation form is available online at $\frac{http://dmh.mo.gov/dd/progs/selfdirect.htm}{http://dmh.mo.gov/dd/progs/selfdirect.htm}.$

The Community Specialist must complete this form monthly and provide the Individual/Designated Rep with a copy for their records. The Support Coordinator will conduct quarterly service monitoring to ensure the documentation is present at the service site.





HEALTH



Service Monitoring/SDS Provider Reviews

Remember that when a Support Coordinator completes quarterly service monitoring any issues identified are to be entered into the Division's APTS tracking system. When someone from Provider Relations completes the 3 Year SDS Provider Review those APTS entries are reviewed to ensure the issues have been resolved. If the Provider Review is completed and there are findings those will be entered into APTS to be resolved to ensure the Individual/Designated Representative is following the guidelines for waiver documentation to avoid issues resulting in recoupment of money.

A copy of the Quarterly Service Monitoring and 3 Year Provider Review are to be given to the Individual/Designated Representative so they are aware of any issues needing resolution.

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Training Documentation

Remember all Pre-Employment, Post Employment and Annual Training Checklists must be turned in by the appropriate deadline to avoid employees being deactivated from the Time Entry System. All employees must receive the "OKAY TO WORK" before any dollars from the SDS budget can pay for services. The Individual/Designated Rep must ensure that Employee Training is current to avoid having to pay employees with personal funds for time worked when the employee is not in compliance with required training. For example, Abuses and Neglect training must be completed within 30 days of the employee receiving the "Okay to Work" and every two years subsequently. If MO Consumer Direct does not receive the Post Employment Training Checklist, along with documentation of Abuse and Neglect training, then any time worked by the employee is the responsibility of the Individual/Designated Rep and they must pay the employee through MO Consumer Direct to ensure proper taxes are withheld and wages reported.





Personal Assistant State Plan Review

Support Coordinators, this is a reminder to address the State Plan Personal Assistant services in the Individual's SDS ISP. The UR/ISP Checklist states the following has been completed and the Support Coordinator has used The DHSS Referral Process as outlined in the Support Coordinator Manual to demonstrate what they have done to ensure all state plan supports have been exhausted prior to utilizing waiver supports listed in the present plan. That process is located under section H in the Support Coordinator Manual.

Improving lives THEADURE SUPPOR SUPPO	Process for Referring Individuals to State Plan Personal Care March 2014		
DATE RECEIVED: SUPPORT COORDINATOR:			
INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING SERVICES: DMH ID #:	*Support Coordinator will work with the individual/family to identify needs and discuss the process of referring to DHSS for state plan services prior to accessing waiver services. This will		
The ISP identifies that:	ensure that the individual/family is aware that a referral is being made to DHSS.		
the name of the designated representative if one has been appointed	* Support Coordinator documents in the ISP the personal assistance needs of the individual.		
the services being self-directed are listed and what support will be provided (Job Descriptions can be used as a tool) The ISP is used as a training document for employees and must provide enough details in order for all employees to understand what is needed to provide supports justifies any training exemptions on the Personal Assistance training checklist	* The plan must clarify whether PA is for hands on assistance (state plan) versus cueing/ prompting/training (DD) and whether the service is to be performed in the home only (state plan) versus in the community (DD).		
the 'back-up plan' to be used in the event a scheduled employee is not available to provide the	Support Coordinator documents in the ISP:		
services is indentified in the plan. if the employer is hiring a family member (PA is only service that may be provided by family member) the plan must reflect: (Family member is defined as: a parent, step parent; sibling; child by blood, adoption, or marriage; spouse; grandparent; or grand-thild)	Referred to DHSS for state plan personal careNot referred to DHSS for state plan personal care because:		
o The individual is not opposed to the family member providing the service of he services to be provided are solely for the individual and not household tasks expected to be shared with people who live in a family unit of the support team agrees that the family member providing the personal assistant service will best meet the individual's needs of The family member cannot be paid over 40 hours per week. Any support provided above this amount would be	*If the services are appropriate via state plan, the request is sent by the support coordinator to the Call Center at 866-835-3505 (for adults), and 573-751-6246 (for children). The Call Center will pre-screen the referral. If appropriate, they will assign to staff to complete the assessment.		
considered a natural support or unpaid care which a family member would typically provide	 When making a referral to DHSS, you will need a signed release to obtain information regarding whether the individual is also in a managed care program. 		
the SDS budget calculator is present and correct. the Authorization Page matches the SDS budget calculator if individual is receiving Medicaid State Plan Personal Care Services through Health and Senior Services DSDS service authorization system has been checked to ensure that these services are not being self-directed. If individual is receiving Medicaid State Plan Personal Care Services through Health and Senior Services (DHSS), service authorization system has been checked to ensure that these services are not being self-directed. (Only	* If a child is already receiving Private Duty Nursing services through Healthy Children and Youth there is no need to refer the child to Bureau of Special Health Care Needs for State Plan Personal Care services. If Personal Care services were appropriate for the child, they would be authorized for Personal Care.		
nee fixed. Agent can be used to report earnings and file employer and employee taxes. The MOCD contract reads: "The Employer/DR must not supplement wages to the Employee outside of this agreement. Records maintained by the F/EA will be the official records of the Employee'. The employee' to worker, which will be reported to State and referral tax authorities. The Employee'/DR understands all earnings and taxes for Employees' to workers, which will be reported to State and referral tax authorities. The Employee' to MOCD is unable to soccur for the total	* If DHSS approves eligibility, the ISP must document the hours of personal care services provided through DHSS.		
earning by employees, accurately track Social Security credits for the employees, do an accurate year end W2 for employees, or reconcile the employer's State themployment with the Federal Unemployment. The Employer/DR then becomes liable for any tax judgment including penalties and interest.)	 Support Coordinator will explain to families that they cannot start DHSS services just to access waiver services, and then stop DHSS services because they are getting DD waiver services. 		
SDSC has received copy of the "Got Choice?" SDS handbook acknowledgement form. SDS Coordinator Signature: Review Date: (2/4/24)	* If DHSS denies eligibility, documentation of the denial should be submitted with the plan to UR. Documentation may include either a copy of the adverse action letter to the participant, or documentation of a phone call between the support coordinator and DHSS validating the denial. Phone call documentation must include the date, and the name of the individual validating the denial.		

Missouri Consumer Direct **Provider Directory**



The Consumer Direct Provider Directory is a service to help an individual or their Designated Representative connect with local Personal Assistants, Support Brokers or Community Specialists who can support them in having a quality life in their home. When a potential employee registers in the directory MO Consumer Direct is notified and they will review the submission before it is posted to the website. It is found at https://providers.consumerdirectcare.com/missouri



Fiscal Employer Agent (FEA) Services Agreement & FEA **Employment Agreement**

MO Consumer Direct has mailed to all Individuals/Designated Representatives new FEA Service Agreements and FEA Employment Agreements which must be signed and returned to their office November 15, 2014. If MO Consumer Direct does not receive the new Agreements by the deadline the employees will be deactivated and unable to enter time into the system until the signed agreements are received. Please call their office at 1-877-532-8565 if you have questions or do not receive your Agreements.



MISSOURI SELF-DIRECTED SUPPORTS FISCAL EMPLOYER AGENT SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Fiscal Employer Agent Services Agreement (Agreement) is made and entered into as of

_ (Start Date) between Missouri Consumer Direct, LLC and Individual, and/or _their Guardian and/or

Designated Representative, if appointed by the Individual or Guardian

- DEFINITIONS

 1. The "Employer" is the Individual who has a disability and who receives services through the Misson Department of Mental Health, Division of Developmental Disabilities (DMH-DD). A Designated Representative (OR) may be authorised by the individual Guardan to manage day-to-day employee activities on the Individual's behalf. In the case of a manor child the "Employee" is the parent guardant of the Individual's estimated in the Employee of the Federal Employee identification Number (FEID) Holder will be the Employee (of Record and of Fact) and can employ persons to provide excess to the Employee.
- (FEIN) Holder will be the Employer (of Record and of Fact) and can employ persons to provide services to the Individual.

 2. Missourt Consumer Direct, LLC (Consumer Direct) is the "Fiscal Employer Agent" (FiEA). As authorized under IFS Revenue Procedure 10-6 for the purpose of payroll and payroll reporting services, the FiEA will life on behalf of the Employer FED Holder.

 3. DMH-DD and its agents associated with the 5elf-Duested Supports Programs is the entity that go services and authorizes the Individual Service Plan (ISP) and budget. The DMH-DD recognizes Consumer Direct, acting as the FiEA, will provide Fiscal Management Service (FMS) to the Employer DR.

SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED

The Employer IDR agrees to hur employee(s) to provide services as described in the ISP and consistent with the DMH-DD Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver. The hourly wage will be sea indicated in the Budget Summary portion of the ISP and approved by the DMH-DM.

Self-Directed Services include: Procedure Code Personal Assistant T1019 U2 Medical/Behavioral Personal Assistant T1019 TG Support Broker T2041 U2 Community Specialist T1016 U2 Team Collaboration G9007 U2

PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

ELBABLE, IMPREMILES

The Employee PR. Acknowledges that DMH-DD has contracted with an F/EA and that entity is responsible for: (a) providing employee(s) with a time sheet to be completed each pay period; (b) calculating, withholding, filling and paying all applicable Federal, State and local withholding and paying calculating, withholding, filling and paying all applicable Federal, State and local withholding and paying times and other deductions; if any; (c) paying the balance to the Employee(s) by direct deposit or paycard and (d) pregung attanded payord it reports teaching monthly respect of balance).

The Employer/DR shall be responsible for ensuring employees accurately record the hours worked a services performed on the approved time sheet. This time sheet, once approved by the Employer/DR becomes the basis for payment to the Employee. Any fabrification or other misrepresentation the information on this record will constitute fraud. All payments made as a result of inaccurate time she



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